

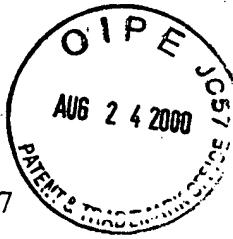
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ronald Carr

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Title: JOINT ASSEMBLY EMPLOYING MULTI-RING GASKET



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Greetings:

Preliminary to examining the above-captioned continued prosecution application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claims 56, 59, 63, 66, 70, 73, 82 and 85 as follows:

-- 56 (twice amended). [The gasket of claim 55] A gasket for providing a seal at the joint between a pair of pipe flanges for connecting one flange to the other, comprising: